

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 473

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BURNS

INSURANCE/GROUP-SHERIFFS: Provides for payment of group insurance benefits for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Bossier Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:1448(Y), relative to the premium costs of group hospital and health
3 insurance for retired sheriffs and employees of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office;
4 to provide for eligibility for payment of premium costs; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:1448(Y) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1448. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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10 Y. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the
11 Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office shall pay the premium costs of group insurance for
12 any retired sheriff and any retired employee hired on or after January 1, 2010, who
13 retired from the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

14 (1) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,
15 medical expense, and dental insurance, and life insurance contracted for under the
16 provisions of this Section if the sheriff or employee retired with thirty years or more
17 of service with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund, regardless of age.

18 (2) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical
19 expense, and dental insurance, and life insurance contracted for under the provisions

1 of this Section if the sheriff or employee retired with twenty years of service with the
2 Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and is at least fifty-five years of age.

3 (3) The provisions of Paragraph (G)(1) of this Section shall apply to all
4 persons hired by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office before January 1, 2010.

5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
9 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the payment of insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs with creditable service with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office.

Present law provides that the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance, and the first \$10,000 of life insurance shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years of age or retired with at least 30 years of service at any age.

Proposed law provides that 50% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance, and life insurance shall be paid by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office for all sheriffs and employees who retire with at least 20 years of service who are at least 55 years of age.

Proposed law provides that 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance, and life insurance shall be paid by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office for all sheriffs and employees who retire with at least 30 years of service regardless of age.

Proposed law applies to persons hired by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office on or after Jan. 1, 2010.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:1448(Y))